

## GEORGE AUGER, GIANT OF CIRCUS, IS BURIED

Coffin 8 Feet 6 Inches Long Handled With Block and Tackle.

### DIED IN SMALL FLAT

'Strange People' of the Side Show Principal Mourners at Funeral.

### HAD SAVED MUCH MONEY

Mighty Stature an Asset in the Movies as Well as Under Canvas.

"The good Lord got me into the world," said George Auger to his friends Lew Graham and Bill Conway one day last spring in the Hall of the Strange People when the circus was at Madison Square Garden, "but it's going to be a hard job for human beings to get me out of it."

And that was true. Reasons for which neither the giant nor anybody else could have been held responsible made his funeral yesterday a strange and difficult problem. The houses that ordinary men live in, the rooms they inhabit and the stairways they traverse in life and are carried through in death are not made for Titans. George Auger, dying of acute indigestion on Thanksgiving night, weighed 365 pounds and stood 7 feet and 11 inches in his socks. His funeral was held in the apartment of Albert Morrissey at 164 Manhattan avenue, near 108th street, where George lived while in this city, a small flat of small rooms and a narrow hallway.

### "Strange People" the Mourners.

Alderman Thomas O'Reilly, the undertaker, after finding a coffin eight feet six inches long, three feet wide and two feet deep, raised it from the street and slung it through a front window of the apartment on the second floor of the building, and here Capt. Auger lay early yesterday afternoon when dozens of friends who greatly appreciated the giant's amiable qualities gathered to pay their respects to the dead. The great coffin was almost buried among flowers. At the head seven tapers burned. From the middle of the morning until five for the funeral service, conducted by the Elks, the apartment was solidly jammed with men and women who had known George Auger professionally or privately and who wept for him as men of ordinary inches are wept for when they go out of the world after leading honest, respectable and considerate lives.

Among these were a small group of the Strange People, as those with whom Nature has dealt curiously and not always kindly, prefer to be called. There were Lentin, who has three legs, though one would scarce have suspected it yesterday, so deftly was the fact concealed; Carrie Hot, the fat girl, whose weight is upward of 600 pounds, and the midwits, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Short, Addie Frank and Ernest Rommel, among others. George Auger could have been inside the towering Spanish tower, too, Low Graham, ringmaster for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, with which Auger appeared for many years, was present, as was the situation; William J. Conway of the circus staff, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warrall, the former of the Ringling organization also.

### Block and Tackle Used.

When the service was finished, the undertaker, having secured a block and tackle rigging to the roof of the apartment house, guy ropes to the broad straps buckled around the vast coffin. Slowly and with infinite care the whole weight of nearly 500 pounds was lifted, turned endwise, slung through the window, swung in the air above the sidewalk and then gently lowered to the small trestles placed in readiness to support it. Immediately it was lifted by twelve men, one on each side of the coffin, into which it barely could be placed. Probably 1,000 persons massed in Manhattan avenue in the drizzling rain watched all this with absorption, while every window of the block of apartment houses across the way framed interested spectators. All of this required only a few minutes and before 3 o'clock the remains of George Auger, giant, were on their way to Holy Grove Cemetery.

It is said by circus folk who knew him well that he left considerable property, including a farm near Bridgeport, Conn. He was a thrifty soul, well knowing the value of a dollar, and desiring to be out of employment. In the circus season of six months he received a salary of \$125 a week, and in addition to this he earned from \$15 to \$30 a day selling souvenirs from his platform in the Hall of the Strange People. In the off months of the circus business he worked as a janitor in the city, and in the movies, and was about to go to California to work with Harold Lloyd in comedies when death took him.

Lew Graham, who has known many kinds of Strange People and many giants, too, said last evening that George Auger was in many respects the most intelligent giant he had ever come in contact with, the most intelligent and the most likable.

### ENGLISH GIRL REFUSES ELLIS ISLAND INQUIRY

Snaps Fingers at America and Heads Back Home.

Miss Lena Solomons can never say she was deported from Ellis Island. She simply changed her mind about wanting to stay after her arrival on the Cedric and, while her case was marked "deferred pending information from United States Consul in Great Britain," she snappily demanded that she be sent back to England on the same ship that brought her here.

When asked to explain her sudden change of heart, Miss Solomons said: "Well, in the first place, I am a vaudeville and variety actress, and when I was landed on the ship upon arrival here by justly American officials about my profession I didn't like their remarks and said so in pretty emphatic terms."

Snapping her fingers to the guard, she chirped: "Get my trunk away quickly, and come on and don't miss that ship back to England."

## TO INDICT PIT SLAYER'S HELPER FOR MURDER

Cohn Says Norkin's Confession of Killing of Mrs. Becker Carries No Immunity—Inquiry Seeks to Find if Victim Was Drugged Before Being Struck Down and Buried Alive.

Albert Cohn, Assistant District Attorney of Bronx county, said yesterday that evidence gathered by his staff warrants asking the Grand Jury for an indictment for murder in the first degree against Reuben Norkin, wedding shop keeper, who is alleged to have confessed helping Abraham Becker plan the murder of the latter's wife, Mrs. Jennie Becker, and the disposal of her body. The Grand Jury is scheduled to meet again Thursday, but may be called into session to-morrow. At that time the indictment will be sought.

Mr. Cohn said that no revelation Norkin has made has been under duress or promise, and that he is not entitled to immunity.

The counter accusations of Becker and Norkin against each other stand unretreated. Both were examined yesterday without shaking either story.

Cohn said Norkin has given his story in such detail that he has even drawn a map of the lot on which his wedding shop stands, showing, he insists, where Becker struck the fatal blow, the line by which he dragged the body to the vacant boiler pit, a spot at which Becker became exhausted and dropped the body, and the final hiding place of the body.

### Becker to Reenact Killing.

Becker will be asked for a similar outline and will be taken to the murder scene and forced to reenact the tragedy probably to-night or to-morrow night.

Norkin has revealed to the District Attorney his belief that Mrs. Becker was drugged before she was struck, as alleged by her husband. Upon that information a second autopsy has been ordered and the examination is being made at Bellevue Hospital. A report is expected to-day.

The second autopsy held up for a week Mrs. Becker's funeral. Friends had expected to bury her body yesterday in a cemetery on Long Island, but were told by the District Attorney's office that the body could not be surrendered for another week. Plans were then abandoned until further advice from the District Attorney.

Mr. Cohn, Detective James McCarton and others of the staff examined three more men in connection with the case yesterday, but it was said that only corroborative stories were obtained.

Nicholas Carbo of 567 Southern Boulevard, the Bronx, a bus driver, told of seeing Norkin and Becker meet at a lunch wagon at 140th street and Southern Boulevard on the night of the murder, April 6. That substantiates what Norkin already has admitted and what Harry Berles of Newark, proprietor of the lunch wagon, has told.

### Woman Fearful to the Last.

The fear of her husband in which Mrs. Becker seems to have stood, according to stories of friends and relatives told to the District Attorney, appears to have clung to her to the last moment. Mr. Cohn said Norkin told him Mrs. Becker's last words indicated that she was at that moment, while unsuspecting, still in fear of something. Norkin is quoted as saying that while he and Becker were tinkering with the motor of Becker's car preparatory to asking Mrs. Becker to listen to the motor to distract her attention as she was being struck down, Mrs. Becker glanced around the wedding shop and the greasy fumes in the air and exclaimed: "Oh, my! What a terrible place this is!"

It was immediately afterward, according to Mr. Cohn's statement of Norkin's story, that she was asked to lean over the hood of the car and listen to the running motor for a "knock." Then she was struck on the back of the head with an iron bar, and her body, still carrying the spark of life, was dumped into the improvised grave.

Mr. Cohn said that he regards the case as complete, and that little additional information will be sought unless there is an unexpected development. He confidently expects that the Grand Jury will indict Norkin. He does not think that any other persons will be connected with the crime.

He does not believe, either, the reports that bodies of other murdered persons have been buried in the vacant lot in which Mrs. Becker's body was found.

The District Attorney is continuing his investigation into what previous relationship induced Becker and Norkin to cooperate, as alleged, in the murder. Mr. Cohn suspects that the alleged desire to have been the outgrowth of recent business relations or friendship, but that they may have had a hand in other crimes. He will also sift further the story of the disappearance in 1917 of Fannie Bloom, who worked for Norkin's motor.

### THREE SEIZED IN DRUG SMUGGLING TO PRISON

Welfare Island Nurse Among Those Accused.

Dr. Carleton Simon, Deputy Police Commissioner in charge of the narcotic division, said last night that with the arrest of two men and a woman yesterday by his detectives he believed that the smuggling of drugs to Welfare Island had been broken up. For more than a month the police have been trying to trace the gang which is said to have been keeping convicts supplied with heroin.

Those arrested yesterday were Mrs. Jean Ryan, 42, of 60 West 107th street; Frederick C. Wiggins, 40, a nurse at city hospital on Welfare Island; and John Smith, 25, a painter employed at the island. Mrs. Ryan and Wiggins are charged with possessing heroin and Smith with smuggling.

### WOMAN, 80, ENDS LIFE.

Mrs. Anna C. Krudler, 80 years old, committed suicide yesterday in her home at 271 Decatur avenue, The Bronx. Her body, with a gas tube lying beside it, was found by her grandson, William Krudler. She was the widow of Peter H. J. Krudler, who for twenty years was an inspector of the Bronx Bureau of Buildings and who was said by members of the family last night to have designed the Bronx Park Botanical Gardens and several of the gardens in Central Park.

## Drunken Stranger With Revolver Twice Charges Into Same House

John Tilken, a steamfitter who lives with his wife and son on the second floor of a frame dwelling at 204 East 106th street, had a busy afternoon yesterday with a total stranger who attempted to come upstairs and shoot him. The man was intoxicated and arrived at Tilken's home in a taxicab. He got as far as the top of the first landing, where Tilken threw him out. A short time later he got the front door open again in some manner and was discovered crawling up the stairs just outside Tilken's living room, and this time he was carrying a revolver, with which he threatened to shoot Tilken.

Tilken got a billiard cue and knocked the revolver out of the man's hand. Then they fought all the way down stairs, while Mrs. Tilken telephoned the police. Three policemen came and separated the two. The intoxicated man was taken to Bellevue suffering from intoxication and a possible fracture of the skull, and charged with attempted felonious assault and violation of the Sullivan law. He was unable to tell his name, and Tilken said he never had seen him before.

## CITY GETS 2,602,036 TONS LESS OF COAL

Allotment for This Winter More Than Third Below 1921-2 Quota.

### CONDITION IS GENERAL

Nearby Towns Will Fare No Better With Operators' Committee.

### MAYOR ISSUES NEW PLEA

Hylan Asserts Blizzard Might Cause Actual Distress With Fuel Shortage.

New York city's actual allotment of anthracite coal for the winter at the hands of the anthracite operators' committee in Philadelphia, whose word is law, is 2,602,036 tons less than the city's allotted quota last year.

The fact that the metropolis, including all five boroughs, is scheduled to receive up to March 31 next only 3,908,054 tons of anthracite, as compared with the 6,505,090 tons which it received and consumed last year, ought to convince the most skeptical that the anthracite shortage, actual and prospective, is serious.

The figures set forth below, which are official, show actual quotas delivered last year (April 1, 1921, to March 31, 1922). In a second column appear the actual quotas allotted since the resumption of anthracite mining for the period between September 1, 1922, and March 31, 1923. The difference between the two totals in each case, of course, represents the shortage which will have to be compensated by the burning of some other kind of fuel than anthracite.

### Comparison by Cities.

In addition to the figures for the city itself, THE NEW YORK HERALD presents a similar comparison for some of the cities and towns in Westchester and Nassau counties. The numerals represent tons:

	Last Year's Quota.	This Year's Quota.	Year's Difference.
New York city.....	6,505,090	3,908,054	2,602,036
Mount Vernon.....	94,081	37,798	56,283
White Plains.....	47,772	28,832	18,940
Yonkers.....	74,885	44,931	29,954
Pelham.....	94,081	37,798	56,283
New Rochelle.....	39,683	23,816	15,867
Port Jervis.....	11,712	7,712	4,000
Tarrytown.....	25,045	15,027	10,018
Hempstead, L. I.....	31,585	18,951	12,634
Manhasset Neck.....	10,018	6,018	4,000
Ossining.....	19,439	11,675	7,764
Freeport.....	17,713	14,228	3,485
Rockville Centre.....	12,683	10,779	1,904
Woodmere.....	17,712	10,333	7,379
Cedarhurst.....	14,072	8,443	5,629
Dunwoody.....	12,418	7,451	4,967
Babylon.....	14,072	8,443	5,629
Bronxville.....	4,852	2,791	2,061

For the entire metropolitan district in New York State, including the five boroughs of the greater city, plus Westchester county and Nassau county, the present allotment is 4,399,029 tons of anthracite, as compared with a quota last year of 7,359,092 tons. The difference therefore which must be made up is of some other kind of fuel aggregates 2,960,063 tons.

### Mayor Issues Appeal.

With figures like these in mind—they had been made clear to him in his conference with William H. Woodin, State Fuel Administrator, and Mayor Hylan yesterday issued an exhortation, which says:

"The only way in which widespread suffering, due to the reduced supply of anthracite coal, may be avoided is for everybody to avail themselves of and cooperate in using substitutes, of which there are large available supplies in and around New York. Among the substitutes are the smaller sizes of anthracite coal, such as buckwheat and bituminous, or 'soft' coal.

"Buckwheat coal lends itself most readily to the ordinary furnace or cooking range when used with the regular domestic sizes. If a bed is made of the larger size, placing the buckwheat on top, a most satisfactory result is obtained. This is more economical than using the larger sizes entirely. When the fires are banked with it at night there is fairly good satisfaction and an increased saving. It is already being consumed by many people at the present time in this city.

"Soft coal can be used to advantage if some care is taken to cover one side of the foundation of hard coal fire with soft coal, leaving the front draft open or the front door open a little way until the uncovered portion of the hard coal is burned to smoke, which rises when the soft coal is first put in. At the next firing the other side of the hard coal can be covered and so on.

"I therefore urge all citizens to assist the city administration and the Fuel Administrator, as well as themselves, by providing immediately during the open weather such substitutes as their dealers can furnish. The quantity which may be purchased at one time of these substitutes is not restricted.

"It is important to bear in mind that the present supply of anthracite coal of domestic sizes in Greater New York would not suffice for more than four days and that a blizzard, or even a storm lasting several days, would slow down deliveries to a point where from mere inconvenience it would rapidly pass into actual suffering."

### WILSON FUND'S ESSAY CONTEST FOR STUDENTS

High School Pupils All Over State Eligible for Prizes.

A prize essay contest open to all students in public high schools, private academies and parochial schools in New York State was announced yesterday by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Students are asked to help determine what type of public service should be the basis of the great award of the foundation. Such subjects as world peace, public health and industrial relations are suggested.

The winner will receive \$50 and a trip to Washington. Smaller prizes will be awarded in each State Congress district. Similar contests are to be held in nearly every State.

The foundation seeks to raise \$300,000 to complete its million dollar fund by December 28, Mr. Wilson's sixty-sixth birthday.

### RAIDS ON TEN SALOONS.

Federal Prohibition Agents Van Tassel, Morganstein, Shannon, Sassi and Rosen yesterday made raids along Third avenue from Nineteenth to Forty-third street and served summonses in ten saloons.

## The Christmas store of John Wanamaker

Astor Place at Ninth Street Telephone 4700 Stuyvesant Formerly A. T. Stewart

Written December 9, 1916

### The Wintry Woods Full of Birds' Nests Have No Birds in the Nests

The birds take their Christmas in the South with the flowers of Florida and as far away as the valleys of California with the blossom of orange and apple and peach, fruited deep. But human folks everywhere, big and little, love best a Christmas where every home nest is full to over-flowing—and Christmas candles burning and Christmas music sounding and Christmas surprises are whispered and hidden and no end of secrets to be kept until the Christmas dawn.

From the little laddie, the very picture of his father, to the least little girlie with something of the mother in her, there's just one absorbing purpose that

### "Nobody Shall Be Forgotten This Christmas"

It is no small thing to be nested in a home where everyone comes through the golden gate to do good to some other one. The thought may count for more than the act.

How long these wonderful old time Christmases have kept, spun on the golden thread of a mother's love that nothing can ever break! They did not cost much either—but, Oh, dear!

[Signed] John Wanamaker

### You are cordially invited to attend the Second Annual Book Week

In the Wanamaker Auditorium Today, December 4, to Saturday, December 9, inclusive Daily at 2.15 o'clock

During the week over fifty prominent Authors and Reviewers will appear, together with representatives of the Drama. Among the Publishers cooperating are:

- D. Appleton & Co.
- Boni & Liveright.
- The Century Pub. Co.
- George H. Doran Pub. Co.
- Dodd, Mead & Co.
- Doubleday, Page & Co.
- Houghton-Mifflin Pub. Co.
- Harper & Bros.
- Harcourt, Brace & Co.
- Henry Holt Co.
- Alfred A. Knopf.
- The Macmillan Co.
- Robert McBride Co.
- G. P. Putnam's Sons.
- Charles Scribner's Sons.

### Program

Monday, December 4—Fiction, Travel, Biography.  
Tuesday, December 5—Fiction, History, Travel.  
Wednesday, December 6—Drama Day.  
Thursday, December 7—The Younger Generation in Fiction and Verse.  
Friday, December 8—Poets, Essayists, Periodicals.  
Saturday, December 9—The Book Reviewers. The Columnists, Children's Authors.

Authors appearing on Monday, December 4  
Edward Bjorkman, Leona Dalrymple, Edward Simons, Henry Morgenstau, Rex Beach, Herbert Adams Gibbons, Ludwig Lewisohn, Minna G. Smith, Dr. James Harvey Robinson.  
Admission Complimentary—No Tickets Required.

## 112 Chinese Rugs Arrived Late

We expected them much earlier, when people were fitting up their new apartments and homes. But they are here now, and to sell them quickly, we offer:

### Each Rug at One-fourth Less

The colors are light blue, dark blue, tan, mulberry and old rose. The sizes, prices and quantities are as follows:

Quantity	Size	Grade	Price
26	2 x 4 feet.....	\$35	\$26.25
25	3 x 5 feet.....	\$65	\$48.75
20	3 x 6 feet.....	\$75	\$56.25
40	4 x 6 feet.....	\$110	\$82.50
8	4 x 7 feet.....	\$140	\$105.00
2	6 x 9 feet.....	\$224	\$168.00
2	6 x 9 feet.....	\$250	\$187.50
3	8 x 10 feet.....	\$320	\$240.00
2	9 x 12 feet.....	\$340	\$255.00
1	10 x 13.3 feet.....	\$360	\$270.00
10	9 x 12 feet.....	\$450	\$337.50
1	10 x 15.6 feet.....	\$450	\$337.50
2	12 x 15 feet.....	\$600	\$450.00
1	13.3 x 9.10 feet.....	\$360	\$270.00
1	12.2 x 11.2 feet.....	\$600	\$450.00
1	16.2 x 12.3 feet.....	\$600	\$450.00
1	11 x 15 feet.....	\$700	\$525.00
1	15.4 x 10 feet.....	\$750	\$562.50

Sixth Gallery, New Building

## EXHIBITION

### 50 Paintings and 50 Drawings

By LOUIS ICART

BELMAISON—Fifth Gallery, New Building

JOHN WANAMAKER, New York

Broadway at Ninth Street

Louis Icart is known in Paris as the "painter of the golden palette." He is a follower of Guardi and Watteau, and finds his truest expression in interpreting feminine graces and "fetes galantes." Among the paintings in his present exhibition is a portrait of Cecile Sorel, which is of special interest at the moment.



## A U Q U A T R I E M E

### The Special Gift

On your Christmas list there are certain gifts that need special care and thought in the choosing. You want them to give pleasures to the friends of whom you are fondest, and whose tastes are much like your own.

The acid test of these special presents is that when you find them you like them so much yourself that you want to keep them—and would, if you liked your friends a little less.

Au Quatrieme suggests for these special gifts a choice from its fine old porcelains.

A pair of jade green Victorian vases, with gold rams' heads, landscape and figures in black, \$85.

Set of three gold and white Worcester flower pots with stands, landscape in brown, \$150 the set of three. These could also be used as vases by putting large glasses inside.

Pair of old Marseilles vases, green and pink band, pink flowers, \$125.

Very fine pair of blue and gold Sevres vases, painted panels of cupids, \$225.

Pair of Coalport vases, white with wreaths of raised flowers in colors, \$150.

Pair of Coalbrookdale candlesticks, two figures in Louis XVI costumes, \$85.

Fourth Floor, Old Building

## Gifts of Sterling Silver

### Candlesticks, \$11.50 pair

The soft radiance of candles is so much more artistic and becoming than the harsh light which comes from punching an electric button. Sterling silver candlesticks, therefore, will be exceptionally acceptable gifts, especially when, to their beauty and design, is added a price several dollars under that which prevails in the market.

50 pairs 10-inch sterling silver candlesticks in bright finish, with detachable bobeches. Round bases, tapering stems and convenient size, command them to the average table upon which their grace and sterling worth will shed "sweetness and light" the year through.

Silver Courts, Street Floor, Old Building

## THE WOMEN'S FASHION SALONS

Present a new version of our

### Monogram Frock in Paisley Crepe

Our own design, made in our own workroom and a truly delightful interpretation of today's fashions.

We originally presented this frock in fine tulle two weeks ago. Now it has been made of heavy crepe, in fascinating Paisley patterns, with the monogram and finish of sleeves and neckline in dull gold tinsel thread. The straight skirt under the graceful pleats—pleated, by the way, in a new fashion, is of the crepe in the predominating shade in the Paisley; peacock blue, caramel and in exquisite green.

A smart and most individual frock! \$67.50.

Second Floor, Old Building

## THE BLOUSE SALON OFFERS

### 200 Tailored Silk Blouses At Near Half Price

New stocks are coming in for the holidays and these must go to make room.

Monday—\$3.95 to \$8.95

Were \$6.95 to \$16.75

Perfectly tailored, with well-fitting shoulders—the blouses worn by smart women with sports and tailored suits and, of course, with sweaters for country wear.

All white—in fine, heavy qualities of silk broadcloth, crepe de chine, habutai, and satin-striped crepe de chine.

Trimness is emphasized by the use of fine tucks or narrow flutings—sometimes both. Eton or sweater collars.

Third Floor, Old Building

## 10,000 yards \$3.50 Gift Silks for \$2.75 yard

Four silks, any one of them a gift that will bring rejoicing to the heart of the woman who receives it, for they are all favorite silks, extensively worn this season and at least three of them are sure to be especially popular next spring.

### Crepe de Chine 16 colors

### Crepe Meteor 18 colors

### Canton Crepe

### Satin Charmeuse

These two in black only

Our regular Wanamaker standard silks which we have been selling right along from our stocks at \$3.50 yard. Each is full 40 inches wide.

### The Colors

of the crepe de chine and the crepe meteor are chosen with the season's favorite tones in mind—black, white, navy blue, taupe, browns, beige, mouse, and caramel tones for daytime wear; Chinese red, lipstick red, silver gray, sapphire blue, orchid, cardinal red, jade green among the most lovely of the shades for evening wear.

### Please Note

—the soft, beautiful close-knit quality of the crepe de chine, soft but not slaty.

Silk Rotunda—Street Floor, Old Building